

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No.

M: 21-158

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Severance Houseand/or common The Salvation Army Community House

## 2. Location

street & number 202 South Summit Avenue ☐ not for publicationcity, town Gaithersburg ☐ vicinity of congressional district 9thstate Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name The Salvation Armystreet & number 202 South Summit Avenue telephone no.: 301-869-8910city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20877

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 8134street & number 50 Courthouse Square folio 80city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCP&P Atlas of Historic Sites M:21-2 "Old Gaithersburg"date 1976date ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### SUMMARY

The subject house, built in 1903, faces east on South Summit Avenue, situated at the high point of "DeSillum's Hill" on a irregular pie-shaped near-acre lot shaded by mature trees. The house is angled on the lot to present its east front and north side to Frederick and Summit Avenues. In mass, the house is a late Victorian colonial revival: a large rectangle with a symmetrical front facade articulated with decorative three-sided bays, hipped roof with dormers, extensive exterior porches, and a end-gabled rear kitchen and utility wing. Once part of a five-structure Victorian enclave called "Summit Park", this residence, the 1897 T.L. Fulks House at 208 South Frederick Avenue, and the 1882 Ascension Episcopal Church remain. Three post-1930 houses and a new church building complete the block.

### DESCRIPTION

The large rectangular five-bay by two-bay, 2-1/2-story frame house has both an end-gabled two-story kitchen wing and a sleeping porch on the rear facade, a two-story mitered bay on the south facade, and a one-story bay on the north. The pyramidal-hipped roof is clad with patterned metal shingles and drained by box gutters. There is a central gabled dormer with a small 1/1 window on the east (front) and north slopes. The house rests on a brick foundation and has two interior corbeled brick chimneys on the main block and one in the gabled end of the kitchen wing. The exterior sheathing is wood-grained mortar-composition shingle applied over the original materials. Windows are 1/1 (one-over-one) wooden sashes. The full-width front porch has a seamed terne-plate metal roof supported by turned posts connected by a plain stick and rail balustrade. The porch wraps around to the bays on each side and has been enclosed on the south side.

The addition of composition shingle siding and the partial enclosure of the porches are considered reversible and not significant alteration by U.S. Secretary of Interior Standards. Children's playground equipment is southeast of the house and a crushed rock parking area is at the rear of the property, accessed by a driveway on the north side from Summit Avenue.

### Facade Descriptions:

The east (front) facade has three evenly-spaced windows on the second story. The five-bay first story has a central wood paneled door with one large light, and a window in each other bay.

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1903 Builder/Architect Builder Not Known local history

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

## Significance

The late-Victorian Colonial revival house at #202 South Summit Avenue was constructed as a spacious home in a family enclave and to convey the owner's prosperity and community status to passersby. Rosa Blanche Fulks Severance was the only daughter of Ignatius T. Fulks, a local businessman and landowner. Her husband, Frank B. Severance, was a prominent banker and civic leader. Mrs. Severance was the fourth generation of her family to reside on family lands in the Logtown-Summit Hall area.

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## History and Support

Ignatius Thomas Fulks, great-grandson of Baltus Fulks who settled logtown in the 1770s and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Swamley Gloyd of Logtown \1, purchased the 163 acre Summit Hall Farm from his father's cousin, John T. DeSillum, on January 25, 1886 for \$10,000. \2 In May of 1889, Fulks had surveyor Charles J. Maddox survey land on the present South Summit Avenue west of Frederick Avenue and lay out streets and building lots as a subdivision to be named "Summit Park". \3 The subdivision plat was never legally recorded so "Summit Park" now exists only on old maps and deeds. This land was primarily, but not exclusively, a Fulks family enclave.

In June of 1896, I.T. and Elizabeth Fulks sold a 15,215 square foot lot in Summit Park to Mary DeHales Upton, a widow, for \$500. \4 Her connection, if any, with the Fulks or Severance family is not known. In 1898, she bought another 16,159 square foot lot for \$250 from Fulks \5 and in 1899, she bought a strip of land (1,963 square feet) from Edgar and Gertrude (Walker) Fulks. \6

Rosa Blanche was the only surviving daughter of Ignatius and Elizabeth Fulks. She married Frank Bridwell Severance of Washington, D.C. at her family home on September 30, 1898. \7

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land Records. Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County. Gaithersburg 1978. The Montgomery County Sentinel newspaper. 1894 Maddox Map of Gaithersburg. 1917 Klinge Real Estate Map of Mont Co. Mont Co Historical Society family files

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 38,438 square feet

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

pt lots 6,7,8 Summit Park- Parcel #445

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Judy Christensen: Architectural History Servicesorganization City of Gaithersburg, Maryland date 05/22/91street & number 31 S. Summit Avenue telephone (301) 258-6300city or town Gaithersburg state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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The two-bay south facade has a two-story three-sided gabled bay on the west. The gable has a central small rectangular 1/1 window and the mitered bay has a window in each face, both stories. The second story east bay has one window. An enclosed portion of the front porch with three smaller 1/1 windows occupies the east bay, first story.

The two-bay north facade has a window in each second story bay, and one in the west bay, first story. A mitered three-sided bay with one window on each side and a pair of central windows occupies the east bay.

The west (rear) facade is complex with a two-story porch which is half enclosed on the second story (probably built as a sleeping porch), and on the first story entirely enclosed and extended with a shed roof to form an entryway for the rear stairs. The north half of the second story porch has a door accessing the house. The south half is enclosed with a window centered on each side. The first story has a narrow window in the extreme north bay, and a central double door entry. A winding open stair accesses a mid-story exterior door on the extreme north, while a flight of stairs and a deck access the exterior double doors. The rear foundation is half above grade.

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Frank Severance was born May 15, 1875 in Washington, D.C. He was educated at Central High School and attended Spencer Business College before taking a job as a bookkeeper for the Gaithersburg Milling and Manufacturing Co. in 1896. \8 In 1907 he was hired as teller of the First National Bank of Gaithersburg \9 and was cashier at his retirement in 1936. In 1929, Severance and other countians founded the Citizens Building and Loan Association which he served as a funding director then as Chairman of the Board until 1961 when he became Chairman Emeritus. \10

In addition to his financial duties, Severance was a Gaithersburg Town Councilman from 1924 to 1932, a founder of the Gaithersburg Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society, a founding member of the Forest Oak Chapter of the Knights of Pythias, a charter member of the Gaithersburg Lions Club and an active member of Epworth Methodist Church. \11

In August of 1902, expecting their first child, the Severances bought lot #10 and parts of lots 9, 13, and 14 consisting of 1.1 acres total from her parents. \12 In February of 1903 the Severances bought two more pieces of land: all of lot #8 and the eastern 15 feet of lot #9 (17,850 square feet total) and all of lot #7 (14,700 square feet), the first point of which began at the southeast corner of Mrs. Upton's land. \13 According to information in Frank Severance's obituary in 1963, he lived at 202 South Summit for "more than 60 years", which dates 202 South Summit Avenue to 1902-1903. \14

The house was planned and sited to accommodate the family of a prosperous influential person. It was angled to face southeast so that the best view of the south and east facades were visible to passersby on Frederick and Summit Avenues. The house was designed in the modern and fashionable colonial revival style, a type that had a precedent in the 1895 Miller house which is now City Hall. It joined the large houses on spacious lots that typified Frederick and South Summit Avenues and made it the pride of the town near the turn of the century. \15

On February 27, 1906, Rosa purchased all of Mrs. Upton's property. \16 and conveyed the eastern 15 feet of her lot #7 back to her father, \17 perhaps for access to other properties. In 1910, it was discovered that the strip of land that Mrs. Upton bought in 1899 from Edgar Fulks had been also been included in a description of land conveyed by Edgar and Gertrude Fulks to Thomas Ignatius and Frances L. Fulks. To correct this, Fannie Fulks conveyed the piece along with additional land totaling 3087 square feet of land to Rosa Severance in 1911. \18

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It is possible that the Severances kept a residence in Washington in addition to their home in Gaithersburg. The Montgomery County Sentinel of November 13, 1908 noted that the wedding of Raymond Gloyd and Rowena Fulks was held at "The summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Severance, of Gaithersburg," and their son, Frank A.F., graduated from Central High School in Washington. \19 However, Elizabeth Fulks' obituary August 30, 1907, lists her daughter Mrs. Frank Severance as a Gaithersburg resident. \20

Rosa Blanche Severance died August 21, 1954 and Frank died August 10, 1963. \21 The property was inherited by their children who also bought title to lot seven's 15 feet from the Fulks heirs. \22

In 1966, The Vestry of Ascension Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Washington, a corporation organized under the Maryland Vestry Act of 1798 bought the land and premises from Katheryne and Frank A.F. Severance. \23 By the 1960s, Ascension Church had outgrown its church building and were using adjacent Victorian residences for space. The Severance house was the parish house for almost 20 years.

By 1985, Ascension Church demolished two adjacent residential buildings to build a larger church building. The Severance house was sold to Joseph C. and Mary A. Adams for \$90,000. \24 The Adams sold the property for \$145,000 in January of 1988 to The Salvation Army, the present owner.

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Footnotes:

1. *Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County*. 1978, City of Gaithersburg, Maryland. DeSillum genealogy, p. 349, Fulks genealogy, p. 361, and Gloyd genealogy, p.366.
2. Montgomery County Land Record JA1/221 (1886).
3. Land Records op. cit. 53/486 (1886).
4. *ibid*
5. Land Records op. cit. TD4/97 (1898).
6. Land Records op. cit. TD12/278 (1899)
7. Montgomery County Marriage License issued September 22, 1898 and noted in The Montgomery County Sentinel, September 30, 1898.
8. Obituary of Frank B. Severance, Montgomery County Historical Society files.
9. Sentinel September 13, 1907.
10. Obituary of Frank B. Severance The Washington Star August 11?, 1963. Montgomery County Historical Society files.
11. Obituary of Frank B. Severance: Montgomery County Historical Society files.
12. Land Records op. cit. 188/135 (1902).
13. Land Records op. cit. TD24/407 (1903).

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14. Obituary of Frank B. Severance: Montgomery County Historical Society files.
15. Sentinel Sept. 7, 1888. The paper reprinted a letter to the Baltimore Sun praising Gaithersburg's advancement.

" The main street, which is nearly a mile long, is paved with brick and other streets with plank walks. There are a number of handsome residences with large lawns in front, among them those of P.M. Smith, Jas. O.Trundle, Judge R.G. Dorsey, Dr. Etchison, Mr. Miller, Rev. Mr. Lodge and many others. Mr. Hill, real estate agent, and Prof. L.D. Lodge own pretty homes here."

16. Land Record op. cit. 190/425 (1906).
17. Land Record op. cit. 188/134 (1906).
18. Land Record op. cit. 224/293 (1911).
19. Obituary of Frank A.F. Severance, May 1978. Montgomery County Historical Society files.
20. Sentinel op. cit., August 30, 1907.
21. Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County op. cit. p.364
22. Land Record op. cit. 3072/575 (1963) and 3053/102 (1962)
23. Land Record op. cit. 3596/237 (1966).
24. Land Record op. cit. 6723/19 (1985).

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC RESOURCES PLAN DATA

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
Industrial/ Urban Dominance A.D.1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:  
Category: Building  
Setting: Suburban  
Historic function(s) or use(s): Domestic/Single Family/Residence  
Known Design Source: None



The Montgomery County Sentinel, September 13, 1907.

A lawn sale for the benevolent improvement fund will be held in the grove adjoining Mt. Tabor M. E. Church, at Etchison, on Saturday, September 14th, beginning at 5 o'clock. Music and refreshments.

The St. Mary Catholic Cemetery Association will hold a cake and bread sale at the residence of the late N. D. Offutt, on Saturday, September 14th, beginning at 2 P. M. Come and secure good home-made things for Sunday.

Baltimore and Ohio Excursions on Sunday, September 15, \$1.00 to Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg and return; \$1.35 to Berkeley Springs and return; \$2.00 to Cumberland and return. Special train leaves Rockville at 8:45 A. M.

Mr. Spencer C. Jones has purchased the lot at the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets, adjoining the residence of Miss Lucy Russell, and will, it is understood, contribute it as a site for the new church the Baptists of Rockville propose to erect in the near future.

Mr. James E. Trundle has resigned as cashier of the First National Bank of Galtersburg, and Mr. Frank B. Severance, formerly connected with the Galtersburg Mill and Manufacturing Company, will succeed him. Mr. Trundle has purchased the hardware business of John A. Belt at Galtersburg.

It is probable that the Farmers' Banking Company of this town may establish a branch business at Kensington, sometime in the near future, in connection with prominent citizens of that town. Recently the head officials of the company here had a talk upon this subject with the Kensingtonians who did without reaching anything

his plan was voted down.

Then former Congressman Milles offered a resolution recommending to the Democratic members of the legislature that they elect the candidate receiving a majority of all the votes cast. This, too, was voted down, for the reason that the resolution of the State convention provided that the candidates should receive the votes of the members representing those districts and counties in which they received the greater number of votes.

As finally adopted the resolutions provide that the primaries shall be held on the day of the general election. Polling booths adjoining the regular polling places are to be provided, and no person will be permitted to vote for Senator unless he has first voted the Democratic ticket on that day.

The State Committee is to appoint judges and clerks of election and furnish the paraphernalia. The expenses are to be borne by the candidates, those for the first term paying one sixth and those for the second term five-sixths. The position of the name on the ballot is to be determined by lot, candidates being present at the draw. After the count the returns must be sent to the chairman of the committee under whom they will promulgate the result.

Senator Lee wanted to restrict the vote to those who had voted the Democratic ticket, but the committee would not agree to this and eliminated the "entire." The explanation was offered that a voter might compliment a neighbor who was a candidate for a minor office on opposition ticket, and he could be defeated. Gov. Warfield thought the qualification should be confined to the support of legislative ticket, but he, too, was overruled. With few unimportant changes the

# Frank Severance Dies, Banker, Civic Leader

Frank Bridwell Severance, 88, former board chairman of Citizens Savings and Loan Association in Montgomery County, died early yesterday in Gaithersburg after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Severance, who had been honorary chairman of the firm since his retirement two years ago, was born and educated in Washington, and attended the District of Columbia Business College.

His first employment was as bookkeeper of the Gaithersburg Milling and Manufacturing Co., in 1896. When the company went out of business after a fire, Mr. Severance turned to banking, and became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Gaithersburg, now a branch of the Suburban Trust Co. He became cashier of the bank before his retirement in 1936.

In 1929, Mr. Severance joined a group of Montgomery County citizens in organizing Citizens Savings and Loan, and was one of the original members of the board. He became chairman in 1952 at the age of 77.

He served on the Town Council of Gaithersburg from 1924 to 1932, was one of the founders of the Gaithersburg Volunteer Fire Department, was a member of the Montgomery Historical Society, the Knights of Pythias, Lions Club and had



FRANK B. SEVERANCE

taught a men's Bible class at Epworth Methodist Church.

Mr. Severance leaves a son, Frank A. F., of New Canaan, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine S. Porter, of the home address, 202 South Summit avenue, Gaithersburg, and four grandchildren. His wife, the former Blanche Fulks, whom he married in 1897, died in 1954.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Epworth Methodist Church, with burial in Forest Oak Cemetery, Gaithersburg. Friends may call at the home until tomorrow morning.

SEVERANCE, FRANK BRIDWELL, On Saturday, August 10, 1963, FRANK BRIDWELL SEVERANCE of 202 South Summit ave., Gaithersburg, Md., husband of the late Blanche Fulks Severance and father of Frank A. F. Severance, New Canaan, Conn., and Mrs. Katherine S. Porter, Gaithersburg, Md. Also surviving are four grandchildren. Mr. Severance will rest at his home, 202 South Summit ave., Gaithersburg, Md. Funeral services on Monday, August 12, at 2 p.m., from the Epworth Methodist Church, Gaithersburg, Md. Interment Forest Oak Cemetery. (New York Herald Tribune and New York Times please copy.)

SEVERANCE, FRANK BRIDWELL, All officers and members of the Gaithersburg Lions Club are notified of the death of our Lion Charter Member FRANK BRIDWELL SEVERANCE on Saturday, August 10, 1963. LAWRENCE BEST, President. ANDREW CRAGIE, Secretary.

## Mr. Severance Dead After a Long Illness

Frank E. Severance of Gaithersburg died last Friday at the age of 88, after a long illness.

He was Honorary Chairman of the Board of Citizens Building and Loan Association. Mr. Severance was a Founding Director who was elected President in 1944 and Board Chairman in 1952.

He was a member of Epworth Methodist Church, having served as Trustee and Steward.

Long active in civic work, Mr. Severance was organizer and first President of the Gaithersburg Fire Department; a member of Gaithersburg Lions Club; Chief Air-Raid Warden during World War II; and Town Councilman of Gaithersburg for eight years.

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Obituary notices of Frank B. Severance. Washington Star, 1963 and another uncredited source. Montgomery County Historical Society Files.

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# Frank Severance, Prominent Banker

Frank Bridwell Severance, 88, founder and active executive until two months ago of the Citizens Building and Loan Association of Montgomery County, died in Gaithersburg Friday after a long illness.



FRANK B. SEVERANCE

Mr. Severance, active in civic as well as financial affairs in Montgomery County, was chairman emeritus of the board of the Citizens Building and Loan Association. He had served actively as chairman of the board until 1961.

He had been a funding director of the Association since he and a group of other Montgomery County citizens had founded it in 1929. Its membership has grown to almost 20,000 with assets of more than \$30 million in that time.

Mr. Severance, who lived for more than 60 years at 202 South Summit ave. in Gaithersburg, was born in Washington on May 15, 1875. He was educated in the public schools here, and at the old Central High School, where he was a cadet. He also studied at Spencer Business College here.

At the age of 21 Mr. Severance went to Gaithersburg, where he worked a bookkeeper for the Gaithersburg Milling and Manufacturing Co. He later became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Gaithersburg, now a branch of the Suburban Trust Co.

His civic work in Gaithersburg included eight years on the Town Council and service as president of the volunteer fire department, which he helped organize. He was a life member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Montgomery Historical Society.

Mr. Severance served as chairman of the Red Cross and Community Chest.

He was a member of the Epworth Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, where he had taught the men's Bible class for 15 years. He was honorary steward of the church.

He was married to the former Blanche Fulks, who died in 1954. They had been married for 56 years.

He is survived by a son, Frank A. F. Severance of New Canaan, Conn., and a daughter, Katherine S. Porter of Gaithersburg.

## Severance, Native Of Gaithersburg, Dies

Funeral services were held Monday, May 21, for Frank A. Severance, a native of Gaithersburg, who died May 18 in Kennett Square, Pa., after a long illness. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Severance was the son of the late Frank B. Severance, who had been president of Citizens Building and Loan and active in Gaithersburg civic affairs, and Blanche Fulks Severance, of one of Gaithersburg's oldest families. Mr. Severance was born May 26, 1904 at Turf Farm, Gaithersburg, which was then owned by the I.T. Fulks family.

He graduated from Central High School and went on to Harvard when he was 17, where he received three degrees in the 1920's, his bachelor of arts, masters, and law degrees.

Mr. Severance established his legal reputation in New York City as assistant district attorney under District Attorneys Dewey and Hogan, and later became a member

of the law firm Dunnington, Barthlow and Miller, where he became a specialist in anti-trust cases.

His files and assistance helped produce a book about New York crime called "The D.A.'s Man." Mr. Severance had moved to Kennett Square shortly before his death from New Canaan, Conn., where he was a civic leader for about 40 years, often supplying free legal assistance to the community.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Vidal Severance, of Kennett Square, a daughter, Sara Wells, of Ridge Wood, Conn., three sons, John, of Wallingford, Conn.; Franklin, of Cos Cob, Conn.; and Renwick, of Boston, Mass.; and a sister, Katherine Severance Van Metre, South Frederick avenue, Gaithersburg.

Services were at Kennett Square, Pa., where Mr. Severance was cremated. Burial will take place in Gaithersburg in the family plot.

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Obituary notices of Frank B. Severance (1963), and Frank A. F. Severance (1978). Sources not credited. Montgomery County Historical Society Files

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The Montgomery County Sentinel, September 30, 1898. Marriage of Rosa  
Blanche Fulks and Frank Severance.

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## REASONABLE RATES.

My prices for weaving will be 12 1/2 cents per yard, where parties furnish their own warp. When I furnish warp the prices will be 25 and 30 cents per yard.

Terms Strictly Cash.

GEORGE BAUGHMAN,  
Beech Hill, Md.  
June 4-3mr

## HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

I, the undersigned, as Executors of the last will and testament of William L. Norris deceased, offer at private sale a House and Lot, situated at Forest Glen, Montgomery county, Md. This property adjoins the St. John's Church premises. The house is a frame building of eight rooms, is in good repair and has necessary outbuildings, with water in the house. The lot has on it some fruit trees. The house will be for rent until sold.

Address: FLORKNOE I. NORRIS,  
Beane P. O. Md.,  
M. T. HARRISS,  
Rockville, Md., Executors.  
Jan 28-1

and household effects, to take place at Glen Manor Hotel on October 1st, should receive the attention of all who wish to secure bargains. The goods are of good quality and in first class condition. For particulars read ad. in another column.

"Halleluy Day" was observed Sunday by the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church at Hoyd's. The programme was arranged by the Rev. Dr. Worden, of Philadelphia. A large crowd was present. The object was to promote the attendance at Sunday Schools. Addresses were made by Rev. R. L. McNair, of Rockville, pastor of the church, and Mr. George F. Pollock, of Hoyd's. There was excellent music.

Thursday evening of last week a quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Folks, of Gaithersburg. Their only daughter, Miss Rosa Blanche Folks, and Mr. Frank B. Severance were united in matrimony by the Rev. Henry R. Naylor, of Washington. The event was unannounced and was witnessed only by a few relatives and immediate friends of contracting parties. A sumptuous wedding supper was served. Mr. Severance is bookkeeper at the office of the Gaithersburg Milling and Manufacturing Company.

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Marriage photograph of Rosa Blanche Fulks and Frank B. Severance (center) in parlour of Summit Hall. Attendants are Rose Crown and Oscar Fulks. Rev. Naylor stands behind the wedding party. Photo courtesy of Betty Jean Jacobs.



GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET

ADDRESS 202 S. SUMMIT AVENUE  
County: Montgomery  
Gaithersburg

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SURVEY # 060  
LOT -, BLOCK -

LIBER -, FOLIO -

OWNER: Church of the Ascension  
ADDRESS: same  
CITY: same

PRESENT USE: parsonage  
ORIGINAL USE: residence  
BUILDER: unknown

STYLE: Colonial revival

DATE BUILT: c.1900

PHYS. COND: fair

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick  
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon  
WALL COVERING: novelty siding

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss  
ROOF COVERING: pressed tin, patterned  
ROOF STYLE: modified hip  
EAVES: boxed cornice  
CHIMNEYS: three

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: left  
ELLS: -  
PORCHES: front  
SUPPORTS: turned posts  
OUTBUILDINGS: -

STORIES: 2 1/2

BAYS: 3 x 2

APPROX DIMENSION: 37 x -

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.  
LIGHTS: 1/1  
BAY WINDOWS: right/left  
SIDE BY SIDES: small 1/1  
GABLE TYPES: -

THREAT: zoning

SURROUNDINGS: residential/buffer

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DESCRIPTION: Typical Gaithersburge-style Colonial revival with bay windows on both left and right elevations.

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